



# SPECIAL PLACES AND SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOODS ARE GOOD FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES.

For those who live and work in Washington, the city is far more than the nation's capital. It is a place of homes and hopes, where residents socialize, learn, shop, work and relax with friends and families. It is a place of commerce, culture and civic pride. The more than 25,000 individual historic properties and 27 historic neighborhoods in the District are a vital part of this special place.

Washington's local government has recognized the importance of historic preservation for decades, offering advice to property owners, helping balance the need for new buildings with an appreciation for the value of historic ones, and providing official designations and guidelines that help to ensure that the community maintains important properties.

## HOW CAN THE DC HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE HELP?

Contact the Historic Preservation Office to find the answers to questions, learn what's happening in DC preservation, or receive the Historic Preservation Office's free newsletter *Landmarks*. Visit the Historic Preservation Office website for immediate answers to basic questions.

- Which properties are listed on the DC Inventory of Historic Sites and what does being listed mean to the property owner and the city?
- What opportunities exist for historic preservation tax credits, grants and awards?
- What events are being planned by the Historic Preservation Office?

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## PRESERVING WASHINGTON'S COMMUNITIES AND CHARACTER

How the DC government,  
private citizens and business leaders  
are using our history  
to help ensure our future.



# Preservation is good planning

## ...AND GOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Construction of offices and homes, transportation, and new public amenities, are too important to be left to chance in Washington where so many demands compete for limited space. The Mayor's Office and the Office of Planning feel the same way about historic preservation. They know that preservation and the savvy use of historic properties not only preserves the special character of the city's neighborhoods, it also encourages economic investment and jobs and promotes the cultural life of the city. That's why the DC Historic Preservation Office is a key part of the DC Office of Planning.

## THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE SERVES THE DISTRICT BY

- Designating historic properties and providing guidelines for their restoration and preservation,
- Providing government agencies, planners and citizens with archaeological assistance and education about the past,
- Distributing a wide range of technical assistance materials for historic property owners,
- Reaching out to residents through guidance in determining the preservation needs of neighborhoods,
- Using grants to spur the preservation of historically significant buildings and areas,
- Promoting preservation among residents and businesses through District-wide preservation conferences and workshops, and by partnering with local and national preservation organizations,
- Educating residents and visitors through exhibits, publications, and an informative web site, and
- Recognizing leadership in the community with the Mayor's Awards for Excellence in Historic Preservation.

Clockwise from the upper right corner: C&O Canal in Georgetown; Old Penn Theater at 650 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE; Spanish Steps at 22nd and S Streets, NW; Almas Temple at 1315 K Street, NW; Ben's Chili Bowl at 1213 U Street, NW. On reverse: Woodward & Lothrop Building at 1025 F Street NW; Washington rowhouses.

